--- “Series of 1881”- Division Open A 23 - 3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886) ---

--- lithographed in RED on horizontal mesh wove - 465 x 25 mm. ---

--- RG-129 - *coarse roulette* - 4 mm. blue controls - scanned at 35% scale ---

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John McKay at no point in his **Cigar** listings separately includes the red “Series of 1881” strip. Apparently he has included both the “Series of 1868” and the “Series of 1881” in the lithographed 994,613 “Long Red Cigars” recorded under the **3rd BABN Contract**. This is unusual for John McKay since he separately lists the black 1881 cigar strips as “Long Black (new) Cigars”.

In the SECOND TOBACCO section of the **4th BABN Contract** he lists 131,095 lithographed “Red Cigars” as delivered. Since red warehousing stamps were declared *obsolete* in July 1883, this listing must for the remaining red “Series of 1881” strips, lithographed under the previous Contract, and delivered to Ottawa for destruction in the summer of 1886.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)	John McKay records 994,613 *lithographed* “Long Red Cigars” as delivered. Apparently he has included the 1868 and 1881 Division Open and Division Specific strips in this single listing. It was estimated, in the “Series of 1868” red cigar file, that 350,000 were “Series of 1881”.
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892)	John McKay, in the SECOND TOBACCO section, records that 131,095 *lithographed* “Red Cigars” were delivered. These were 1881 strips re-called for destruction in the summer of 1886.

3rd BABN Contract (1878-1886)	350,000 - an estimate taken from the 1868 red cigar file
4th BABN Contract (1886-1892)	131,095 - recalled for destruction in 1886
	481,095

the highest control numbering on the 1881 RED cigar strips - as recorded to date:

Division Open	**6063**
Montreal Division	none
Quebec Division	**26284**
Hamilton Division	**51618**
Toronto Division	**101976**
London Division	**157170**
Windsor Division	**8057**
total -	351,168

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